

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1020

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By Mr. Miceli of Wilmington, petition of James R. Miceli relative to tuition payments for children in foster care attending school outside of their home districts. Education.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO TUITION PAYMENTS FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE  
OR ATTENDING SCHOOL OUTSIDE THEIR HOME DISTRICT.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 The first paragraph of section 7 of chapter 76 of the General  
2 Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition is hereby  
3 amended by striking out the paragraph in its entirety and inserting  
4 in its place the following paragraph:—

5 For the tuition in the public schools of any city, town, or  
6 regional school district of any school age child placed in foster  
7 care or group care or elsewhere than in his home town by, or there  
8 kept under the control of, the department of social services or the  
9 department of transitional assistance, the commonwealth shall  
10 fully reimburse said city, town or regional school district where  
11 the child attends school for the child's tuition each day the child is  
12 enrolled in a public elementary or secondary school. The amount  
13 of said reimbursement shall be based on the average annual per  
14 pupil cost of education in the city, town, or regional school dis-  
15 trict, as determined by the department of education.